

Prayer Requests

Mennonite Mission Network: Yesterday, the Argentina Mennonite Church began celebrating their centennial anniversary. Pray that God will be glorified as church members and guests worship and remember God's faithfulness. Pray also that today's mission rally in the greater Buenos Aires area will introduce people to Jesus in new ways.

Western District Conference: Pray for WDC's Resource Commission as they meet this week to discern ministry goals and direction for the coming year.

This congregation: Pray for BCMC's Witness Commission, which works to equip the congregation for involvement in ministries of peace, mission, justice, reconciliation and creation care.

To request prayer or a visit, or if a family member is hospitalized, please contact the church office or a pastor so that visits and prayer support can be offered. Names of people receiving medical care are printed in the BCMC bulletin only by permission of the patient or a guardian/family-member. This is part of the caring network at BCMC, which includes support among members of Sunday school classes and small groups, as well as the Prayer Network, Visitation Team, and Caring Fund sponsored by Deacon Commission.

Bethel College Mennonite Church welcomes into fellowship and membership all persons who confess faith in Jesus Christ, without regard to their race, ethnic background, gender, age, sexual orientation, education, ability, and other factors which give rise to discrimination and marginalization.

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Church office hours: 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. on Mon–Fri; 1:30–5:00 p.m. on Mon – Thur

Church office is closed on Friday afternoons

Building is locked on weekdays at 5 p.m. unless evening activities are scheduled

Saturdays—building is locked; Sundays—building is locked at 2 p.m.

Notary public service is available in the church office

Pastor: Dawn Yoder Harms, dawn@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org;

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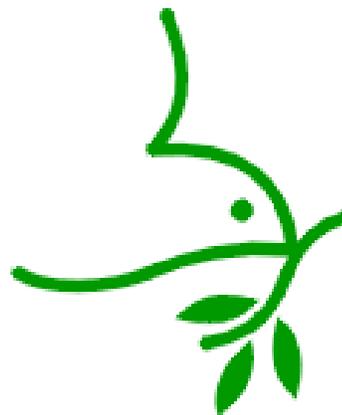
Administrative Assistant: Monica Lichti, office@bethelcollegemennonitechurch.org

Custodian: Michael Crawford, 316-727-9840; day off is Tuesday

Music Coordinator: Barbara Thiesen **Chancel Bell Choir Director:** Vada Snider

Menno Ringers Director: Suzy Burch **Chancel Choir Director:** William Eash

Junior Choir Director: Debbie Dennis **Cherub Choir Director:** Jill Siebert



Pray
for Peace
Act
for Peace

Bethel College Mennonite Church
September 17, 2017

September 10 at BCMC: Attendance: 229 General Fund \$4,523; Living Stones \$1,120; Columbarium \$2,000; other \$1,052.17; Milly Stucky memorial \$740

Bethel College Mennonite Church
September 17, 2017; 9:30 a.m. Worship

PEACE SUNDAY
GATHERING

Lighting the Christ Candle

*The prelude invites us into a time of silence
as we open ourselves to God's presence among us.*

Prelude *Meditation from Thais* Massenet
Galen Fast, alto saxophone; Barbara Fast, piano

Introit *Create in me a clean heart* Chancel Choir
William Eash, director; Verlene Garber, accompanist

Call to worship Tom Jackson

*Hymn of praise *Praise with joy the world's Creator* STJ 16
(children come forward during hymn)

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

Children's conversation Margaret Goering

Scripture reading Luke 5:27-32 Brad Born

Worship music *Prayer of St Francis* Barrie Cabena
Chancel Choir

Sermon *Peacebuilding: A Journey of Proximity* Sharon Kniss

RESPONDING IN FAITH

*Hymn *Let there be light* STJ 67

Prayer of God's people John Tyson

Offering

*During the offering, please sign and pass the friendship register in
your pew. When all have signed, return it to the first person.*

Offertory *Après un Reve* Faure

Galen Fast, alto saxophone; Barbara Fast, piano

*Dedication hymn *Praise God, the Source of life* HWB 95

SENDING

*Dedication Prayer

*Sending hymn *We are people of God's peace* HWB 407

*Benediction

*Benediction response Chancel Choir

Postlude *Toccata in Seven* Rutter
Verlene Garber, accompanist

HWB = Hymnal: A Worship Book STS= Sing the Story STJ=Sing the Journey

Please welcome Sharon Kniss as our Peace Sunday guest this morning! As a peacebuilding practitioner and trainer, Sharon is committed to building healthy and resilient communities which can prevent, end, and heal from violence. From small towns and urban centers in the U.S. to the Philippines and the U.K., Sharon has worked with diverse groups and individuals in their search for more peaceful communities. A graduate of the Kroc Institute at the University of Notre Dame, she has worked as a trainer for 10 years in the areas of conflict transformation, teambuilding and leadership, restorative justice, organizational and church conflict, and peace studies. Currently, Sharon is the Director of Education and Training at the Kansas Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR).

Thank you to musicians Galen Fast and Barbara Fast, who are here to celebrate their father Orlando's birthday.

Congratulations to Adam and Jill Robb on the birth of Gabriella Rose and Jacob Keith born September 12. Pray for Adam and Jill as they welcome these little ones into their home. We rejoice with them in their words: "God is so good, patient, steadfast, and loving even as three sets of lives are forever changed and intertwined."

We extend our sympathies to Florence Schloneger upon the death of her mother, Pearl Rodgers on Sept. 13 and Barbara Koontz upon the death of her stepmother, Dorothy Delk on Sept. 11.

Welcome visitors and friends! May you sense God's presence at BCMC. Personal hearing devices are at the north sanctuary entrance. The nursery at rear of sanctuary is available during worship for families with infants and toddlers. Following Children's conversation, children receive activity bags to use during worship (return to baskets at the entrance as you leave).

The Swiss Cultural and Historical Society is selling a cookbook, *Swiss Volhynian Favorite Recipes* including two DVD's of preparation techniques. To order contact LaVern Stucky or send name, address, & check for \$20 to SMCHA P.O. Box 93 Moundridge, KS 67107.

"Fall into a Good Book" with the Conference Resource Library's Fall Story Hour with leader Carol Flickinger Thursdays, Sept. 28 through Nov. 16, 10 am. Sign up at <https://goo.gl/forms/ZpYYWCRbiFdSLgbU2> or at crlib@mennowdc.org or (316) 283-6300. Sign up by Sept. 21.

At Hutchinson Correctional Facility there are over 50 inmates who are waiting for a visit. Through Offender/Victim Ministries' M-2 Program, you have the opportunity to visit an inmate one evening a month. New volunteer training for M-2 will be Sept. 18, 12:00 pm at Hutch Correctional Facility or Sept. 19, 6:30 pm at Bethel College Mennonite Church. Contact Ben Kreider for information: 316-281-5244 or at ben@offendervictimministries.org.

Mennonite Central Committee is providing relief assistance in Nepal, India and Bangladesh after two weeks of severe monsoon rains displaced more than 1.7 million people and killed 1,246 in the region. MCC is working with partners to provide emergency food, water, tarps, mosquito nets and hygiene kits to those affected and welcomes your support for the relief work in the area. www.mcc.org/south-asia-flood-relief

In recognition of the 100th anniversary of the "war to end all wars," the National World War I museum in Kansas City is hosting a symposium on resistance and conscientious objection leading up to and during WWI. "Remembering Muted Voices" Oct. 19-22 explores the whole range of people who objected to and resisted WWI, from religious persons to socialists to suffragists. Registration is \$125. Co-sponsors for the symposium include Mennonite Central Committee, Mennonite Historical Society, The Mennonite Quarterly Review, and Rainbow Mennonite Church. For more information, see <https://www.theworldwar.org/learn/remembering-muted-voices>

Come to Hesston College for A Hesston College Homecoming, Sept. 22 to 24. The weekend is full of events celebrating the college's community and international presence, including a children's festival, Global Tastings meal, and international music concert, Sept. 23. See hesston.edu/homecoming for weekend schedule, event descriptions and registration.

You are invited to come to Grace Hill Mennonite Church for the 2nd Annual HOG ROAST, Sunday, September 24 from 5-8 p.m. Come for food, yard games, fellowship and music. Free will donation for area food banks.

Sunday, September 17

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place with coffee/water/tea

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation—Visitors welcome!

Elective forum with Sharon Kniss, KIPCOR in sanctuary—All are welcome

- Infants & Toddlers—Nursery at back of the sanctuary
- Pre-K through 1st grade in **B4**; 2–4th grade in **B3**; 5–6th grade in **B8**
- Junior High students (7–8th grade) – Room 26
- Senior High students—Room 22
- Agape—Fellowship Hall
- Bible Study—Rm 14—"What's ahead for this Sunday School year?"
- Catacombs—Rm B5—Will meet in the sanctuary
- Fellowship—Rm B7
- Fine Arts—Rm 24
- Issues & Christianity
- Mosaic—Rm 20—Sermon reflection and other current topics
- Open Circle—Rm 21—Worship reflection and response
- Seekers—Rm 28—
- Sojourners—Chapel—Tim Hodge, Representative

Monday, September 18

2:30 p.m. BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Health Care

Tuesday, September 19

1:00 p.m. BCMC worship DVD—Kidron Bethel Assisted Living

2:00 p.m. Hospitality Commission—Rm B7

3:45 p.m. Creation Care Committee—Rm 23

4:30 p.m. Education and Service Scholarship Committee—Rm 14

7:00 p.m. Bethel College Relations Team—BC alumni office

7:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship Meeting—Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 20

10:00 a.m. Bulletin announcement deadline

6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir (Rm 24) and Junior Choir (Rm 28)

6:45 p.m. Worship Commission—Rm 14

7:00 p.m. Senior High Youth

7:15 p.m. Menno Ringers—Rm B7

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

8:30 p.m. Chancel Bells—Rm B7

Thursday, September 21

7:00 p.m. *Together for Peace*—Service of Prayer at Faith Mennonite Church

Sunday, September 24

9:30 a.m. Worship with sermon by John Tyson; music by Chancel Bells

10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time in the Gathering Place with coffee/water,

10:50 a.m. Faith Formation—Catacombs and Sojourners class welcome all to a session in the sanctuary with Matt Schmidt speaking about the transition from Via Christi Clinic to Health Ministries

11:45 a.m. Potluck in Fellowship Hall

12:45 a.m. Congregational meeting in sanctuary

You are invited to a service of prayer on the International Day of Peace, Sept. 21, 7 pm, at Faith Mennonite Church, 2100 N. Anderson, Newton, planned and led by Newton area Mennonite churches, including BCMC.

Hospitality is a ministry that costs us little and rewards us bountifully with smiles, new friendships and a deeper sense of community. In order for all of us to get to know one another better, we will be wearing name tags today and through the month of September. **Next Sunday: Eat with someone you don't know well at the potluck.**

~ *The Hospitality Commission*

We extend a warm welcome to David Kreider and Heidi Regier Kreider as they return to attendance at BCMC after a break during the recent pastoral transition.

All women are invited to the Women's Fellowship General Meeting, Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Program by Patricia Shelly, *Abram: The Father of Jews and Muslims*.

Plan to attend the Sept 24 congregational meeting at 12:45 p.m. in the sanctuary following a potluck in Fellowship Hall at 11:45 a.m. New information will be provided about the columbarium and garden of memory and hope, kitchen and fellowship hall improvements, and grounds maintenance.

Due to a glitch in travel plans, Bethel College's Menno Simons lecturer, Timothy Wengert, will not be available to preach on Oct. 8. Instead, on World Wide Communion Sunday, we will be hearing several BCMC members reflect on the gift of connection to the worldwide body of Christ.

We need your help! As part of the fall kick-off event, BCMC mentors and youth will be compiling infant care relief kits for MCC on Sun., Oct. 1. Please consider donating the following items: gowns, sleepers, undershirts/onesies, cloth diapers, safety pins, bars of mild soap, socks, and caps. A donations box will be placed in the back of the sanctuary over the next several Sundays to collect items. Thank you for donating!

The first mentor program event of the year will be Sun., Oct. 1, 12 pm! The Faith Formation Commission will provide lunch. Following lunch, the mentor/mentee pairs will assemble infant care relief kits for MCC. Mentors are invited to reach out to their mentees and invite them to join you at the event Oct. 1. We hope it will be a fun and meaningful time together!

Bethel College Announcements:

- **Bethel College Wind Ensemble concert**, Sept. 24, 3 pm, Memorial Hall
- **Registration is now open for the 4th biennial Worship and the Arts Symposium**, Nov. 18, "Seasons of the Soul: Enacting the Mystery of Faith," with special guest presenter and resource person, Ted Swartz. . For a complete schedule and online registration, see bethelks.edu/worshiparts.

Camp Mennoscah announcements: Contact info: 620-297-3290 or campmennoscah.org

- **Camp Mennoscah's Annual Meeting** is Oct. 1, 5:30 pm in the Camp dining hall. RSVP by registering online at contact info above. Meeting will include a Live Auction Fundraiser with meals for 6-10 people up for bid. The agenda also includes recognition of Kelly Stucky's 19 years as the Senior High Camp program director, updates on the dining hall and kitchen renovations, and stories from campers.
- **Work & Play Camp** for all ages is Sept. 29-Oct. 3 with various projects. No cost for this retreat. Register using contact info above.
- **Scrapbook and Crafts Retreats** are offered Nov. 3-5 and Nov. 17-19.

Mennonite Central Committee continues to receive requests for comforters. There will be a "Mini-blitz" Sept. 29 and 30 at the North Newton MCC Central States Center. There are several tops stretched in frames ready to be tied. Call Kate Mast first (the workroom supervisor 283-2720) to make sure the room is available. *For more information, call Carol Peters, Kansas Friends of MCC*

Everence® Financial presents informational seminars: *An overview of Medicare will go over what's covered, enrollment deadlines, and plans that supplement Medicare; 6:30 pm Nov. 6. Retirement income strategy will help you think through your retirement income and expenses; 6:30 pm, Oct. 2 and Dec. 4.* All seminars are at Everence Financial Advisors, 3179 N. Main St., North Newton. To reserve your spot, contact Michelle Ramer at (316) 283-3800, (877) 467-7294 or michelle.ramer@everence.com.

Western District Conference invites contributions to support our churches in the Houston, TX, area following the hurricane there. 100% of the contributions to the WDC Harvey Relief fund will be distributed directly to WDC congregations in the Houston area, to assist them as they help members and neighbors in their communities. Please make checks payable to WDC, designated for Hurricane Relief, and send to WDC at PO Box 306, North Newton, KS 67117. Contributions may also be made online at mennowdc.org. Thank you for your generosity!